

## CLAIMS

1. A traffic light, comprising three individual elements for producing a green signal, a yellow signal, and a red signal; and control means for controlling said producing means, said control means being formed and operating so that the element producing the green signal first generates a permanent non-blinking green light and thereafter the same element producing the permanent green light generates a green light which flashes for three-six seconds immediately before the yellow signal is produced, to give drivers an additional period of time to decide whether or not to stop when the yellow signal appears.

2. A method of controlling a traffic light, comprising the steps of producing a green signal, a yellow signal, and a red signal by three individual elements; and controlling the producing of the signals so that the element producing the green signal first generates a permanent non-blinking green light and thereafter the same element which generates the permanent green light generates a green light which flashes for three-six seconds immediately before the yellow signal is produced, for giving drivers an additional period of time to decide whether or not to stop when the yellow signal appears.